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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Steven Shafer of Seattle, Washington, entitled METHOD AND IDENTIFICATION TAG FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT, executed on March 9, 2004.

1. An application consisting of 28 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 12 sheets of drawings is attached.

2. A newly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

3. An Assignment of the invention to Microsoft Corporation is enclosed, together with a Recordation Cover Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the recordation fee in the amount of **\$40.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0463**. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.

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	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Basic Fee					770	
Total Claims	40 - 20	=	20	x	18	= 360
Independent Claims	5 - 3	=	2	x	86	= 172
Assignment Recordation				+	40	40
	TOTAL					\$1342

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5. The following additional documents are enclosed: Information Disclosure, a copy of the application filed in Attorney Docket No. 307218.01/MSFTI122175, filed March 10, 2004, and 7 cited references.

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